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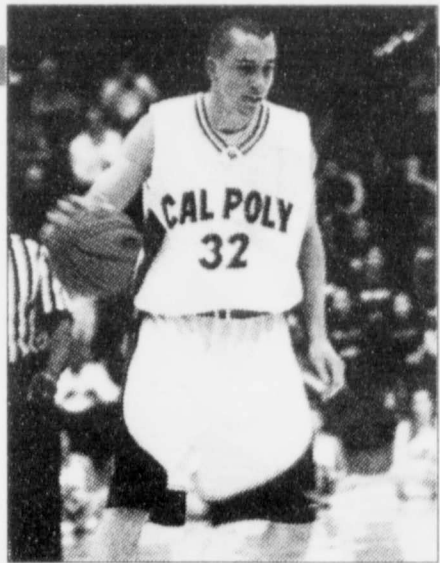
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Get a grip

Three days of free climbing

By Jenifer Hansen

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

It's big, it's new, and it cost a lot of money to erect. Now, students can take advantage by climbing all over it for free.

The 10th annual Climb-A-Thon kicks off today at 11 a.m. at the new climbing wall, which is located behind the Poly Escapes office in the University Union. The event offers students the opportunity to partake in 60 hours of free, unlimited climbing, said Will Hoida, Poly Escapes assistant program director and recreation administration senior. Anyone, including first-time climbers, can drop by the wall, sign a waiver and indulge in endless climbing during the event that takes place today, Wednesday and Thursday, Hoida said.

The Climb-A-Thon also boasts free food from local vendors like Kona's and Gus's deli sandwiches in addition to special events scheduled each night. A slide show of Yosemite and a disco party will take place tonight, Hoida said. On Wednesday night, movies will be featured in addition to a speed-climbing contest. The event will conclude on Thursday with a "huge contest" in which prizes such as videos, binoculars and outdoor/climbing gear will be awarded to win-

ners, he said. Games like Twister and blindfolded climbing will also ensue throughout the Climb-A-Thon, Hoida said.

"It's a fun event where you can climb and eat free food," he said.

Poly Escapes and Associated Students Inc. are sponsoring the event that is intended to spark interest in the recently erected climbing wall, Hoida said.

The wall debuted last month and cost \$40,000 to build, according to a previous Mustang Daily article. The new climbing wall replaced an aging wall that was made out of plywood and was built as a senior project. The new wall is made out of fiberglass with a galvanized steel frame and stands 23 feet tall and 18 feet wide, according to the article.

The Climb-A-Thon will be manned by 30 wall supervisors, student volunteers who spend two hours a week in exchange for free climbing, Hoida said.

Angela Schuck, a graduate student, is helping to organize the Climb-A-Thon in conjunction with REC 210, introduction to programming design, as part of a group project. With the aid of three other students, Schuck worked on advertising and promoting the event. Although she has not had the opportunity

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TODAY'S SUN

Rise: 5:53 a.m. / Set: 8:06 p.m.

TODAY'S MOON

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TUESDAY

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WEDNESDAY

High: 76° / Low: 53°



THURSDAY

High: 76° / Low: 52°



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High: 73° / Low: 50°



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to climb the new wall yet, she said students should take advantage of it as a "great challenge," as well as a resource students paid for through ASI fees.

"(Students) walk by it every day," she said. "A lot of people probably don't ever think about using it (the climbing wall)."

The climbing wall is not the only focus of the event. Hoida said the Climb-A-Thon is an open house for Poly Escapes to showcase all it has to offer adventurous students.

Energy reduction drill planned for today

By Katriona Corey
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

A cool fan blowing on a hot day may sound refreshing, but the current energy crisis will hinder the ability to beat the heat this summer. The increasing desire to cool off with air conditioners and fans during the hot months is expected to cause major statewide energy shortages.

With ongoing blackouts expected this summer, Cal Poly has taken measures to ensure the campus doesn't get hit. An agreement states that any time there are rolling blackouts in Pacific Gas and Electric territory, the company will notify Cal Poly and the university will shed 15 percent of its energy use within 15 minutes in order to prevent a blackout, said Ed Johnson, energy and utilities manager for facilities services at Cal Poly.

He said Cal Poly has to stay at 15 percent less energy for the entire duration of the outages, which can last up to eight hours.

A test is being run today from 2:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. in which Cal Poly will shut down all mechanical equipment, including air conditioners, fans, motors and props, to see if they can conserve 15 percent of Cal Poly's energy in 15 minutes, Johnson said. This is possible because of an energy management system, which consists of a computerized controller equipped with a "panic button" that will immediately turn off all mechanical equipment, he said. The test is being done to ensure that Cal Poly can meet the requirements.

"It is important that we can do this in 15 minutes," Johnson said. "If we fail to meet it twice, Cal Poly will be expelled from the program and banned for five years."

University officials have entered into this agreement with PG&E that will enable Cal Poly to maintain electrical services while other areas are experiencing rolling blackouts, Johnson said.

He said if Cal Poly decided not to do this program, the whole campus could be shut down quite frequently this summer.

"It is unacceptable for an entire campus to be shut down," he said.

Also, in response to the governor's request to push back statewide energy by 20 percent, Johnson said Cal Poly is participating in a statewide test on Thursday from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. He said this test will include shutting down the mechanical equipment as well as participation from students, faculty and staff in an attempt to reach 20 percent energy savings. Notices have been sent via e-mail to alert campus entities of their needed participation, he said.

"I've noticed that a lot of rooms have only one or two students, and it would help if they opened the window shades and turned off the lights or just consolidated into one room," Johnson said.

He also said that just turning off computer monitors when they are not in use can help a lot.

Johnson said the main reason for the energy shortage is that a lot of the large power plants are down this summer due to catastrophic failures. Plus, he said there are plants in California that aren't required to sell energy within the state.

With everything running, Johnson said California currently consumes 38,000 megawatts of energy, and if alternatives sources of energy aren't available, the supply will go down to almost 30,000. He said with air conditioners and fans running, the demand this summer could reach between 41,000 to 47,000 megawatts.

"In 1996 the entire western United States went down because of high demand, and we don't want that to happen again," he said.

Johnson said the idea is to prevent the whole state from reaching a complete blackout.

Bush addresses graduates at alma mater

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — President Bush, acknowledging his raucous years as a Yale University student, returned Monday to the alma mater he once scorned and told graduates, "Life is ours to live, but not to waste."

At turns self-deprecating and serious, the president talked of his long road from underachieving undergraduate to leader of the free world.

"To the 'C' students," he said with a grin, looking over the crowd of more than 2,000 graduates, "I say you, too, can be president of the United States."

There were boos and protests from some in the crowd, but his remarks were generally well received, with laughter at his jokes.

The speech marked Bush's personal reconciliation with the university that gave him average grades and waited too long in his family's view to give his father an honorary degree. Bush told associates during the presidential campaign that Yale was a fount of intellectual and liberal elitism — anathema for a conservative Republican.

Now that he's president, senior GOP political advisers say Bush might want to embrace Yale as he tries to rest doubts about his brainpower and put his restless youth into context.

"When I left here, I didn't have much in the way of a life plan. I knew some people who thought they did. But it turned out that we were all in for ups and downs, most of them unexpected," Bush said.

"Life takes its own turns, makes its own demands, writes its own story. And along the way, we start to realize we are not the author. We begin to understand that life is ours to live, but not to waste."

Bush, 54, graduated in 1968, after enjoying the campus party life and intramural sports — and largely ignoring student demonstrations that rocked university campuses during the height of the Vietnam War. He bounced around the oil business and politics for years, and by his own admission did not come into his own until he quit drinking at age 40.

Recalling those early years, perhaps,

Bush told the graduates, "Each of you has unique gifts and you were given them for a reason. Use them. Share them. Public service is one way, an honorable way, to mark your life with meaning."

As is the tradition at this three-centuries-old institution, Bush's speech was brief and mostly light. He poked fun at:

—His partying ways in college. "If you're like me, you won't remember everything you did here."

—His poor grades. He took the "academic road less traveled" at Yale.

—His reputation for verbal foul-ups. "Everything I know about the spoken word, I learned right here at Yale."

The president and his wife, Laura, attended the 300th commencement of Yale, where daughter Barbara, a freshman, represents the fourth generation of Bushes at the university. His father, the former president, and grandfather, the late Sen. Prescott Bush, earned undergraduate degrees.

"I studied hard. I played hard, and I made a lot of lifelong friends," said Bush, who for years played down his ties

to Yale while building a down-home Texas image in politics.

As recently as January, when he left for his inauguration in Washington, Bush would not utter his alma mater's name to a crowd of Midland, Texas, neighbors, instead saying only that he had been schooled "up East."

Several of the new graduates held signs above their mortarboards. "Yale women against Bush" read one. "Execute Justice Not People" read another.

Two women unfurled a giant blue banner that read, "Don't turn your back on women's health."

As the university president, Richard Charles Levin, saluted Bush for his interpersonal skills and common sense, some students laughed and made gagging noises.

Bush received an honorary doctor of laws degree. Others who received honorary degrees include: Robert Rubin, former treasury secretary under President Clinton and former Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo.

State approval down

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Not since the mid-'90s have more Californians believed the state is headed in the wrong direction.

And it may get worse. Nearly 60 percent of state residents expect the economy to worsen in the next year, while about 40 percent see a brighter horizon, according to a new poll.

The telephone survey of 2,001 adult Californians was done over eight days in early May by the nonpartisan Public Policy Institute of California. The poll was conducted in English and Spanish.

The twin culprits were the souring economy and the electricity crisis.

"Californians clearly see the electricity crisis as a harbinger of other growth-related problems," said Mark Baldassare, the research institute's survey director. "This crisis and general economic uncertainty have severely undermined public confidence in California's future and in its leaders."

Change has come swiftly.

In January, 62 percent of state residents said California was headed in the right direction, compared to 48 percent this month.

Other key findings include:

—82 percent of respondents said population growth over the next 20 years will make California a less desirable place to live.

—86 percent of respondents said the electricity crisis will hurt the state's economy.

—43 percent of respondents favor building more power plants, up from 32 percent in January. The second most popular solution, re-regulating the electricity industry, was the favored solution in January.

—Traffic congestion, affordable housing, air pollution and a shortage of good jobs top the list of negative consequences respondents foresee from the state's population growth.

California may have official tartan design

SACRAMENTO (AP) — California has 23 official state this-and-thats, including a flag, motto, flower, dance, song — even a state fossil and soil.

Now the state Assembly wants to designate a state tartan.

A tartan is a brightly colored plaid cloth pattern like those used in Scottish kilts.

Assemblywoman Helen Thomson, D-Davis, wants to designate a state tartan to honor the contributions from Californians of Scottish, Irish and other Celtic nationalities.

Nineteen other states have official tartans, she said. "The time has come for California to do so as well," she said.

Under her bill, the California tartan would have blue, green, black and gold colors and be based on the family tartan of the famous naturalist John Muir.

Monday's 73-0 vote sent her bill to the state Senate.



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Driven to succeed beyond academics

By Lyndsay Lundgren
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Zero to 60 in 3.2 seconds. The Cal Poly formula car knows how to handle the track.

Cal Poly's formula car took 12th overall at the World Championship competition at the Pontiac Silver Dome, a contest to determine which school designed the "best" car in many different categories.

More than 120 teams competed May 17 to 19 at the championship in Auburn Hills, Mich. Cal Poly beat those teams to place first in the fuel economy event for the endurance race.

The fuel economy event measures the amount of methanol fuel the car burns during the endurance race. Cal Poly took first place in this event. The team was awarded \$1,000 from Argonne National Laboratories.

Cal Poly has had a chapter of Formula Society of Automotive Engineers (FSAE) since 1990. The team builds a formula car each year for competition in various areas. This year's car is a second-year car. Cars can only be used for two years.

"This is a second-year car that we made significant changes to," said Jake Schaffner, FSAE team member and electrical engineering junior.

Each year, team members make note of what they like on the car and make improvements to each car, Schaffner said.

Next year, the team will ideally build the car from scratch with the improvements from this year, he added.

Attending the competition provides Cal Poly's team with opportunities and recognition, team members said.

"Going to this event gives us more recognition from corporate sponsors," said Adam Brinkman, FSAE team captain and mechanical engineering junior. "We're getting our name out there as a school that's a formidable opponent."

Thirty-five formula cars finished the 30-minute endurance race on the one-kilometer track. Cal Poly placed ninth overall, Brinkman said.

Other areas of judging at the competition included static judging and dynamic events such as endurance, autocross, skid pad and acceleration.

Static judging reviews the car as a whole, the design and the cost it took to build it. The skid pad is a figure-eight track that measures the car's maneuverability and its ability to maintain traction.

Other schools at the competition



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Matt James, mechanical engineering senior, rides in the Formula SAE car produced by Cal Poly and pushed by mechanical engineering junior Adam Brinkman, right, and mechanical engineering senior Andy Allen.

included Cornell, University of Wisconsin, University of Washington, two schools from Japan, five from Canada and one from England, Brinkman said.

"Cal Poly was the best finishing school from California," Brinkman said.

The lead judge at the competition said this year's car was the best Cal Poly has ever made, Brinkman said. It is worth about \$15,000 in parts and materials.

"We're hoping to continue to do better next year," Brinkman said. "We have about 75 percent returning

members next year."

The team is looking for freshmen from all disciplines who are interested in the car, Brinkman said.

The formula car is a chance for the 15 to 20 Cal Poly FSAE members to apply what they learn in classes to real-life problems.

"FSAE is an opportunity to apply learning from my major classes to a practical hands-on project," Schaffner said. "We have a chance to see the end result of our hard work and be proud of it."

The formula car provides the team with real-life constraints such as bud-

get and deadlines, said Scott Duncan, club president and mechanical engineering junior. Individual team members average 10 to 30 hours a week on the car.

"This prepares us for work after graduation," Duncan said.

Many Cal Poly alumni who have been through the FSAE program are working in the racing industry, Duncan said.

"Racing and automotive design are hard areas to get into," he said.

FSAE is holding a general meeting Wednesday night at 6 p.m. in building 52, room E26.

Sally Ride lectures on women in the sciences

By Marisa Pavlik
THE STANFORD DAILY

(U-WIRE) STANFORD — Sally Ride, Stanford University alumna and the first American woman to orbit Earth, stressed the importance of encouraging young girls to study science in her lecture Friday, as part of Stanford's Industry Thought Leaders Seminar Series.

Ride is a professor of space science at University of California at San Diego and chief executive officer of Imaginary Lines, a company whose stated goal is to encourage young girls in science.

According to surveys, fourth-grade girls and boys are equally interested in science, Ride said.

"The problem starts in fifth grade," she said. "Girls drift away from sciences". She cited several influences that turn girls away from science, including peer pressure and lingering stereotypes.

The company's "modest goal is to change the culture," Ride said.

"We want to make it cool to be interested in science," she said. "We figure it's got to be easier than sending someone to the moon."

Ride said women are greatly underrepresented in the sciences. Engineering companies try to recruit women, but women aren't coming out of the universities in the numbers that companies want, she said.

She cited the fact that, nowadays, women earn half of all law degrees and almost half of all medical degrees.

"Girls do want to be doctors and

"Girls do want to be doctors and lawyers. The same must be true for the physical sciences and engineering."

Sally Ride
astronaut

lawyers," she said. "The same must be true for the physical sciences and engineering."

The business plan for Imaginary Lines includes developing a subscription-based science club for girls in grades five through eight and partnering with corporate sponsors.

Ride decided to make the company for-profit for several reasons, she said. "It's easier to attract good talent and scale nationally. It also shows that we're serious about this. We're filling a niche, and the girls deserve good old American capitalism."

Ride also commented on space tourism as "a wonderful idea — great for the space program and the community to send up a diverse group of people who can articulate the experience from a variety of backgrounds."

Ride earned four degrees at Stanford, including bachelor's degrees in English and physics. She also has a master's degree in physics and a doctorate in physics.

As a doctoral candidate looking for postdoctoral work, she read about NASA's call for astronauts in The Stanford Daily and was accepted into the program in 1978.

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A how-to guide on campaigning for ASI president

So, you want to be Associated Students Inc. president? Well there are a few steps you need to take before holding this esteemed office. As many of you know, the race for this position became very ugly in the last year. Being very involved in politics, and in that particular race, I've learned a lot of things. As humans, we learn best from our mistakes. And a whole load of mistakes were made in this last election. Therefore, many lessons can be learned from it. I will share those lessons with you now, as long as you understand I am not inferring any one of the past candidates went about winning the election this way (in fact I have a good deal of respect for all three) – I'm only saying that from what I have observed, this is how one can win an ASI election:

The first rule is key: To become ASI president, make sure that you're in ASI already. Forget about running right now if you're not. If a person has to deal with ASI for his or her

Dan Davitt

club, sees its flaws and wants to reform it ... this doesn't matter. Anyone looking to simply represent the students and work hard for them will be cast aside if they've never been elected to ASI already. This is where you sit in a circle, have a name plate in front of you to feel important, and play congressman every week for a year by bickering. Apparently that's the biggest qualification. If you haven't done this, look to ASI as being your obstacle to the presidency and not a support.

So now that the pool of candidates has been narrowed down to about 40 people, step two is this: Get a bunch of henchmen on your side right away! Appeal to the extreme activists by offering them ... I don't know, that you'll bring Woody Harrelson to campus to talk about how we should all dress our kids in potato sacks, walk around barefoot and smoke weed each day until there's a better society. Now you'll have a legion of hippie political terrorists who will tear down the competition's signs and replace them with posters filled with hate-filled lies about the other candidate. (No one on any campaign did this, but those actions were taken, and it would work! Just appeal to the extremists.)

Third: Know that everything you ever said in any class will be voiced throughout campus. Rumors will fly. Any prank you ever pulled will be asked about in a candidate's forum, which the press will write diligent notes about. And you will be exhausted at the end of everything.

Fourth: Respect your opponent publicly, but demonize him or her to small groups. Have your friends do that, too. And finally, don't sweat too much about the rules until the very end of the campaign. That way you can call everything in at once, and your opponent will have to abandon campaigning right when things are heating up. In a sense: call in as many violations at once to destroy the competition. You're an ASI member already, they'll help you out. And then you'll have the race wrapped up.

That is how one may achieve the status of ASI president. I write this manual not to assume that past presidents have won this way – but to say that these kinds of things did go on, and no one tried to stop a thing.

I'm stating this as the reality of how ugly ASI elections can go. I would hope that ASI will do something about how campaigns have gone wrong in the past. Because right now they've achieved nothing but to weed out good candidates that don't play by the cut-throat rules some organizations take to these elections.

Dan Davitt is a political science sophomore.

When one wife just isn't enough for you



Remembering one anniversary is hard enough, but trying to remember five seems unbearable. For Tom Green, though, multiple anniversaries are a way of life.

The Utah government convicted this man, who is not related to MTV's shock entertainer, of

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bigamy last weekend. Bigamy, for those of you unfamiliar with the concept, is being married to more than one person at the same time. Utah plans to punish Green with up to 25 years of prison for having five wives and for failing to pay child support to his 29 kids, according to CNN.

Green says his lifestyle is a God-given choice, according to an article from The Associated Press. He's even willing to defend polygamy on national television.

Green is a Mormon. Polygamy was part of the founding theology the Mormon Church brought to Utah in 1840, but the church banned multiple wives in 1890, according to CNN's Web site. Green says he has the right to freely follow the cornerstones of the Mormon faith, according to CNN.

No matter what religious freedom arguments he uses to justify his beliefs, however, polygamy is wrong. Green's lifestyle allows him freedom, but only at the cost of the women he marries and the children he fathers. Plus, it goes against the biblical doctrine he manipulates for his defense.

God designed marriage to be a monog-

amous, life-long relationship, according to the Bible. Green references. Sure, we can develop meaningful relationships with more than one person. We laugh and share with our friends, we tell our parents we love them, but God intended intimacy in a marriage relationship to be deeper than any other on earth.

The Bible says "A woman in a polygamous relationship becomes the sexual object of the man she marries ..."

The Bible doesn't talk about the joining of five or six people. The book talks about two people: one man and one woman.

Historically, Mormon leaders said they believed God required polygamy because some prophets in the Old Testament had numerous wives, according to the AP. However, the leaders were taking the Bible out of context. Every time an Old Testament prophet took multiple wives, the Bible recorded that the decision led to heartache.

God gave Abraham, Jacob, David and Solomon a big "Oh no you didn't" when they practiced polygamy.

Aside from biblical truths, polygamy also objectifies women. A man who has multiple wives does not truly love the women he marries completely because, if he did, he would be satisfied with only her. He would commit to spending his life with her and her alone.

A woman in a polygamous relationship becomes the sexual object of the man she marries because sex is no longer an expression of intimacy and commitment.

Instead, the man takes her when he wants her, and if she doesn't please him, he sleeps with one of his other wives.

Green might as well be a guy sleeping around on his girlfriend, except the girlfriend knows what's going on.

Let's not forget the children Green fathered. He can't possibly

spend enough quality time with each of them to develop close relationships.

I can imagine Thanksgiving dinner: 29 heads hunkered over their turkey and stuffing, one child so far away from her dad at the dinner table that she can't see him clearly, much less talk to him.

After-school sports practices are probably the same. If the family has enough money – a monthly salary and welfare checks only go so far when spread 35 ways – the moms decide how to coordinate practice times and dinner. They decide if it's really their responsibility to make sure Wife Number Two's son goes to bed.

Polygamy is a selfish lifestyle. No one benefits except the man controlling his "harem." Even his life's not that easy – there are all those anniversary and birthday gifts to think about.

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"We weren't talking about you; we were talking about chlamydia"

War movies remind America of heroes, patriotism

The film "Pearl Harbor" is coming out May 25, just in time for Memorial Day weekend. It portrays the events of Dec. 7, 1941, the day that President Franklin Roosevelt said would "live in infamy."

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The director, Jerry

Bruckheimer, promised that the crew did its homework and has re-created the events as accurately as possible.

Some are worried that "Pearl Harbor" will offend Japanese people, or create anti-Japanese sentiment. But this is history; this happened. Is reminding people of a major historical event taboo?

There were plenty of Japanese-American soldiers fighting for the United States during World War II,

doing their duty for their country. Just because some citizens had Japanese heritage doesn't necessarily mean that they supported all actions of the Japanese government. I have German heritage, but I do not support the actions of the Nazi government. I am an American, but I do not support all actions of the U.S. government.

Patriotic war movies like "Pearl Harbor" and "Saving Private Ryan" serve a number of purposes. One purpose is to remind people of the atrocities of war. My generation has not been witness to an attack on the United States or involvement in a major war. We have only witnessed foreign "policing action" on the evening news. We need to be reminded of these events, or we may end up making the same mistakes as the generations before us.

Another function of patriotic war movies is to commemorate those who fought for our country. Our grandparents and great-grandparents need to be honored for their efforts in the war. They didn't go overseas to fight or go to the factories to build planes just to save themselves. They fought and worked for the future of their families and the future of their great country.

Movies such as "Pearl Harbor" also promote patriotism. We need patriotism. I admit that the United States has some problems, but that is no excuse to not have national pride. I have flaws — everyone does — but my family is proud of me despite my shortcomings. People need to have pride in themselves and the people and things they are associated with, otherwise they would not have any motivation.

Everything would fall apart. Pride promotes caring, and caring promotes action. We would not have a country if no one took action.

The United States is a great country, and it deserves the pat on the back it gets from movies like "Pearl Harbor." I am being provided with a cheap, quality education at Cal Poly courtesy of the California and Federal governments. I do not live in fear of military attacks as do the people in Israel. I do not live in fear of genocide as did the ethnic Albanians. The citizens of many other countries do not have the benefits and securities as Americans. I am proud, lucky and privileged to be a U.S. citizen.

The country has also benefited financially from the film "Pearl Harbor." Disney, the company funding

and promoting the movie, started a campaign Wednesday to help raise \$10 million for the USS Arizona Memorial visitors center in Honolulu. The Pentagon has received over \$1 million from Disney for consultations from military personnel and the use of military locations.

I encourage everyone to go out this Memorial Day weekend and do something patriotic. Do something that commemorates the efforts of our soldiers and remembers those who died for their country. Go watch a patriotic movie. Thank a veteran for protecting your freedom. I will.

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Letters to the editor

Elton John is worthy of knighthood

Editor,

I have an answer in response to Adrenna Benjamin's commentary ("Where have all the good knights gone?" May 21). The world has become a bit industrialized, and the noble knights of England are no longer needed for the purposes of "hunting and fighting wars with a big gun." The law enforcement officers in England don't even carry around big guns, for goodness' sake. So then, a knight's role has changed and this is considered when bestowing the knighthood title on any person.

Perhaps you overlooked the many accomplishments Elton John has done for this world when you commented about the lack of honor in bestowing him knighthood. Elton John has dedicated unsurpassable amounts of money and time toward fighting a cure for what is becoming the deadliest disease in the world, AIDS. He has also contributed largely toward Hepatitis B, and who knows what else! Not to mention that he has significantly helped to keep the foundations started by Princess Di alive.

Elton does indeed fulfill his duty of ensuring the people a life of peace. Being gay is a fact of life, and I laud Sir Elton John for coming out and honestly displaying his beliefs. I think Elton John has made many people feel more comfortable about their sexuality, knowing that a fellow human, who also happens to be a famous noble, actor, singer, songwriter and knight, is openly gay.

So, my answer is this: The good knights are still right before us, we need only to open our eyes. Don't limit someone's nobility and personal integrity merely based on his gender preference — the two are not related whatsoever. This all reverts back to everyone's favorite GE course, critical thinking, and relevancy.

Emily Gollmyer is a nutritional science freshman.

Knight commentary reveals homophobia

Editor,

I'd like to extend my highest gratitude toward Adrenna Benjamin for setting the record straight on the

honor and knighthood-eligibility of gay people. What will we ever do if sexual deviants such as Elton John are given the title of "protector of the peasants and clergy?" How can England even consider bestowing knighthood upon someone as vile and devoid of honor as a homosexual, guilty of one of "the world's biggest sins"?

I'd also like to know what ranking "bigotry" holds in Ms. Benjamin's list of the "World's Biggest Sins".

Thanks again, Adrenna, for your insightful degradation of the gay community. Your parallel between the Clinton sex scandal and Elton John's "sinful" preferences is exactly the kind of Bible-thumping reasoning we have all grown accustomed to in the Mustang Daily's editorials. Oh, so logical. And hell, what IS the world coming to when a gay musician attempts to "hunt and fight wars with a big gun" after receiving his undeserved knighthood status?!

Despite your essay's mind-numbing pointlessness, (the English typically rely on the Royal Air Force for protection, not their knights), you have helped reinforce my longstanding belief that Cal Poly is one of the most prejudiced schools around. I am beginning to think this campus will never drag itself from such outdated values as homophobia.

Justin Fraga is an electrical engineering sophomore.

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Political correctness is power issue

Are you sick of political correctness? So am I. I'm sick of politicians who speak reverently of God and religion but cynically violate the basic values of that same religion. Those who pose with their families

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that hurts the majority of American families. Who talk about "getting tough on crime" but make sure their fellow politicians can be criminals and not be punished.

I know that isn't what most people mean when they use the term PC. But why do politicians say the things I described above? Because they know it will keep them in office. That's politically correct, folks. Straight and simple.

But PC doesn't stop there. How about business leaders who call for "free enterprise" while they're lining up for corporate welfare. Or union leaders who claim to be fighting for their workers, when they instead do most of their fighting for their own fat salaries. Or professional organizations (the American Medical Association, for example) who tell us how much they work to improve our lives, while maintaining a critical shortage of rural doctors because more doctors in general would threaten their high incomes. Or uni-

versities who tell parents and state legislatures they care a great deal about teaching, but then place little value on teaching when evaluating their faculty. That's politics in a broader sense; those claims are PC.

But being PC doesn't stop there, either. Because in truth, we are all politicians in the broader sense: we all have agendas we're trying to promote and resources we're trying to accumulate to do so. Address your professor as Professor, dress up for a job interview or to meet someone's parents, say what you think they want to hear, and be deferential, polite and complimentary.

Heck, we do it with friends, housemates, teammates, fellow employees and family. Let's say a friend tries to cook a nice dinner for you and other friends. And it just didn't turn out well. If your friend says, "I'm afraid it didn't turn out well," almost all of us know better than to say, "You're right. It's pretty bad." That would hurt your friend's feelings, and your other friends would think you're a jerk.

You say something like, "No, this is great!" That's being politically correct. It's not what you really think. Later, you might say to one of your friends, "What WAS that stuff?" And laugh about it.

But not in front of the friend who made the dinner. In short, almost all

of us are PC, all the time. It's just second nature to us. And it's necessary.

But that leaves a question. Why do we typically use the term PC to refer to words and actions that are respectful of or simply recognize, for examples, people who are black, or homosexual, or women, or mentally ill, or Mexican, or Wiccan, or are in wheelchairs? All those examples I gave above — the politicians, business leaders, union leaders, and even you — how come we don't hear others saying about them with scorn, "Man, that is so PC!"

I'm not sure, but let me offer a possible explanation. Basically, we resent having to share power with groups who until recently had been treated as marginal to mainstream society (or still are treated as such). In addition, one important avenue for feeling good about yourself, is to feel you belong to a group that is superior to others. I'm not saying it's a good thing, but it is very common. It's important to us, to know there are inferior people. We don't want to let them go. So we use the term PC to try to keep those groups marginal, and to keep them inferior. I have to congratulate us. It's a very politically correct strategy.

Todd Paddock, Indiana University, U-wire.

See death penalty from new view

You all scream about human rights. You yell about the death penalty and how evil it is, and the inhumanity of Timothy McVeigh. You object and say

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it is not our right to take another human life. How well do you really understand this view that you so passionately oppose?

Let's say you are the one that receives that call one day telling you that someone in your family, someone who supported you, made you laugh, someone who loved you for who you are, was brutally murdered. On July 1, 1998, my family received that call.

Jack, my mother's younger brother, had been found dead in a dumpster in downtown Las Vegas, burned beyond recognition so bad that it took five days for them to identify his body. We were told they found metabolized heroine in his system and immediately said it was an overdose. So we flew to Utah to bury him in a closed casket, never seeing, never really knowing, never

really sure that it was him that was inside. We returned home thinking he took his own life.

Four months later, we received another call. The Las Vegas police happened on information about Jack's death through a plea bargain in another case.

Now a man and a woman were involved in his death. The woman had bragged to others about taking Jack's life and had it not been for that plea bargain, we would have never known that Jack's death had really been a murder. We later found out from police that Jack had picked these people up after their car had broken down and they ended up living together in a downtown Las Vegas hotel. When Jack wouldn't sell them his car, they tried to kill him with lethal doses of heroine and any other kind of drug. When that didn't kill him, the man began to beat him and the woman pulled a plastic bag over his head. To destroy the evidence, they dumped his body in a dumpster, set it on fire, and then drove

away in Jack's car. Immediately, the woman was picked up on a check fraud charge. The man was nowhere to be found. She remained in jail until her accomplice was picked up. With a second-degree murder charge against her, she received life in prison and 15 years for the car robbery.

Technically she can be paroled in 13 years. He received five years in prison with an accessory to murder charge, with parole possible after two years. It is sad to know that you can take another human being's life and be back on the streets within 13 years.

Before you make the judgment that the death penalty is cruel and inhumane, before you scream that it is not our right to take another human's life, the pain of those who have lost a loved one. Until you have experienced this pain, you will never understand.

Kelly Anderson, Columbia College, U-wire

California constituents debate hemp's uses, legal status

By Mollie Schneider
THE CALIFORNIA AGGIE

(U-WIRE) DAVIS — When George Bush Sr. plummeted to the ground after his plane was attacked during World War II, it was hemp that saved his life. The parachute on his back was made of the durable plant's fiber.

Activists, who state that the government has hidden this "miracle crop," might find this anecdote ironic in the year 2001, in the face of a definitively conservative government. Less extreme hemp supporters see little relationship between this tale and their cause; they simply believe that the cultivation of hemp — which looks suspiciously like marijuana — should be recognized, and hemp should be viewed as an important crop in world agriculture.

For the latter of these two groups of activists, the fight over the legalization of hemp has become increasingly successful in recent years as the issue of industrial hemp has become a front-runner in many states, including California. In Feb. 2001, California Assembly Member Virginia Strom-Martin introduced Assembly Bill 448, which would allow farmers to "plant, grow, harvest, possess, process, sell or buy industrial hemp for commercial purpose."

Strom-Martin noted in a report to her fellow assembly members that the legalization of industrial hemp would be beneficial to the economy of California because of its potential for revitalizing agriculture.

"California farmers are struggling against disease, pests, foreign competition, energy and water shortages, but industrial hemp could open new markets and new opportunities that could turn that scenario upside down," she said.

Hemp has already proven to be a successful economic venture, as imported hemp products have sold successfully in the United States. According to Strom-Martin's report, worldwide sales of hemp and hemp-based products totaled \$150 million in 1999, with American consumers buying more than 60 percent of the total amount. Mainstream stores like The Body Shop, Macy's and Nordstrom's regularly carry hemp-

based products.

Considering all of its possible agricultural and economical benefits, why is it that industrial hemp remains illegal — not only in California, but in the majority of the United States?

According to Daniel Putnam, an extension agronomist at University of California-Davis, it is illegal to grow industrial hemp in the U.S. due to the fact that marijuana and hemp share the same genus and species, *Cannabis Sativa L.* As a result, the government

groups the two plants together and subsequently justifies the plant's prohibition. The government maintains that hemp fields

could be safe hiding places for marijuana cultivation, since it is often difficult to distinguish between the two crops.

However, as evidenced by AB 448, there is a growing sentiment in the U.S. that Americans should more actively cultivate hemp. Activists, such as Cecilia Franceschini, owner of the store Hemp in the Heartland, are in the process of educating the public about what they say they see as a wrongful government cover-up which has withheld hemp and its unending possibilities from the public.

While Franceschini, like Strom-Martin, said she feels strongly about the legalization of hemp for economic and agricultural purposes, her real concerns are regarding the social and environmental issues attached to hemp. She is particularly interested in how the government has kept this plant away from Americans through what she calls deceptive propaganda designed to protect such interests as those of the cotton, petroleum and paper industries.

After hearing about hemp from her husband back in 1997, Franceschini said that the issue immediately enthralled her.

"He told me how hemp was so incredible, about the environmental impact, all its uses, and the government's cover-up," Franceschini said. "I was blown away. I couldn't believe what I was hearing. I couldn't believe how the government had made it

illegal — you can't even get high (from hemp)."

Research has shown that it is nearly impossible to become intoxicated by hemp. According to Putnam, hemp differs substantially from marijuana in its levels of delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol, more commonly known as THC, which is the primary psychoactive ingredient in marijuana. While marijuana seeks to maximize THC, industrial hemp is cultivated to maximize fiber, seed and oil. As a result, industrial hemp has a THC

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Cecilia Franceschini
owner of Hemp in the Heartland store

content of between 0.05 and 1 percent, as compared to the 3 to 20 percent found in marijuana, according to the North American Industrial Hemp Council's Web site, www.naihc.org.

Franceschini pointed out that this research indicates the fraudulent nature of the American government's historical argument against hemp. Moreover, she noted that the cross-pollination of marijuana and hemp would destroy the benefits of both crops, making it ineffective to hide marijuana in hemp fields.

Beyond her interest in exposing what she considers a political cover-up, Franceschini said that it is important to pay attention to the numerous environmental benefits of cultivating hemp.

For example, hemp would require fewer pesticides and fertilizers than other crops. According to the NAIHC Web site, 50 percent of the world's pesticides — which are detrimental to both the environment and humans — are used on cotton.

"We use gallons and gallons of pesticides everyday. Why is cancer today so unbelievable? You can't go one day without meeting someone (who has it). Pesticides have something to do with it," Franceschini noted.

She also said that hemp would be an effective substitute for trees in making building materials and paper. She added that these materials, when made out of hemp rather than trees,

are of a higher quality. According to the article "Demanding Reduction in the Wood and Paper Markets" by Ned Daly, these uses of hemp would save 75 percent of the world's trees.

After learning about the technical aspects hemp, Franceschini said that her life has changed since devoting the last four years to educating the public about it.

"It's silly, and it's real ignorance (to not know about hemp)," she said. "The most important thing is education. When you hear the whole story it does not seem so unbelievable (that it is a useful plant)."

Franceschini said she continually finds reasons why hemp would contribute positively to the world. For instance, she said producers of hemp products do not engage in unfair labor practices — they pay their employees well and provide health benefits. Moreover, the quality of hemp clothing is superior to the quality of clothing made from other fibers.

She said the list of reasons to legalize hemp goes on and on.

"If you are into health, hemp oil is very healthy — it strengthens the immune system," she said. "It's high in protein-filled omegas and (the good fatty parts) of food. It can be used for fuel and food, lotion, paper — there's nothing you can say to me (against it) that I can't argue (with). The deeper you get into something like this, the more you see of the benefits."

While advocates such as Franceschini assert that the government has masked the benefits of industrial hemp, Putnam warns the public to be wary of believing that

hemp can solve all of the earth's problems.

"We have to take some of the claims with a grain of salt," said Putnam. "Since it is banned by governments due to its potential to contribute to the drug trade, there is the attractiveness of a forbidden fruit accompanied by ideas in some quarters that there is a multi-national conspiracy to keep it from becoming a crop."

Putnam said that hemp is not better or different than other alternative crops, such as kenaf and flax. He noted that when approaching the issue of hemp, it is important to remain critical and consider all factors.

For instance, Putnam cited the advocates' argument that hemp would demand fewer pesticides and fertilizers. This is a misconception, according to Putnam, who said that any crop that is grown in large quantities will typically be subjected to pests and diseases as time goes on.

"I have doubts as to whether it will solve our energy or environmental problems as some claim," he said. "There have been other crops that people have thought could save us from an 'energy crisis' or a 'farm crisis', most notably the Jerusalem artichoke. Its reputation was ruined by over-promotion, mythology and outright fraud."

On the other hand, Putnam said he believes that hemp could be an interesting alternative fiber, agreeing with Strom-Martin's assertion that the cultivation of hemp would help to revitalize American agriculture.

"We are importing hemp from other countries," Putnam said. "(It) is one of those opportunities that needs more exploration as a niche opportunity for growers."

Cameras to protect Painted Rock

CARRIZO PLAIN NATIONAL MONUMENT (AP) — For a thousand years, American Indians have made Painted Rock their canvas.

The horseshoe-shaped sandstone monolith is known around the world for its red ochre drawings of horned figures and geometric shapes.

Unfortunately, it also attracts modern scribbles. Now, federal and state officials are considering cameras, satellites and other modern technology to preserve the ancient site from vandals who write or chip their names into the rock.

"We get graffiti at this site two to three times a year," said Duane Christian, an archaeologist with the federal Bureau of Land Management.

The rock is in the national monument created by President Clinton in January on 204,000 acres of grasslands between San Luis Obispo and Bakersfield.

Policing the rock is difficult because the area is sparsely populated

and the monolith is several miles from the nearest building.

Vandals can be charged with a felony that carries a sentence of up to two years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

Graffiti writers also violate religious strictures. The rock is sacred to the Chumash Indians, who hold summer solstice festivals there.

In 1991, volunteers removed the worst damage. And recently, Christian and a half-dozen computer experts, engineers and law enforcement advisers visited Painted Rock to discuss ways of preventing further desecration.

"This is such an internationally renowned site, our job is to protect what's left of it," explained Ron Fellows, field manager for the BLM in Bakersfield.

Suggestions range from placing cameras to photographing cars entering the site to using an electronic beam to alert observers miles away.

One problem with the beam idea, though, is that an elk or antelope could wander by and set off a false alarm.

Another idea would be to monitor the site via satellite "remote sensing," although Fellows said that is "probably impractical" because of it is so costly.

Fellows said that once he gets a proposal from the research team, he will go to Washington, D.C., with a budget request.

Meanwhile, low-tech sometimes has worked. One woman who carved her initials inside a heart on Painted Rock was caught because she had signed the registration book at the visitor's center.

The oldest graffiti on Painted Rock dates back to the 1870s, Christian said. But writings over 50 years old are considered historical and the government cannot remove them.

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Sunday was also impressive. The "Big Three" of Sam Cassell, Ray Allen and Robinson all came through, scoring 74 of the team's 104 points in the win over the upstart Charlotte Hornets.

The Hornets lead much of the game, but Robinson made a miraculous running three-pointer at the end of the third quarter, giving the Bucks a nine-point lead that they never relinquished. Hornets guard Baron Davis scored a career-high 29 points, and it still wasn't enough as Jamal Mashburn struggled offensively. The Bucks also helped themselves by making 33 of 35 free throws.

The Hornets certainly had their chances to win the series; they also blew a big lead in Game 6, after shocking the Bucks by grabbing a 3-2 series lead. However, the Hornets still had a great run, sweeping the Miami Heat in the first round in a huge upset, especially considering the Heat got center Alonzo Mourning back late in the regular season. But, as it turned out, the

Hornets simply didn't have enough offense to cope with the high-scoring Bucks.

As the Bucks move on to play the 76ers, memories of the old Eastern Conference physical, low-scoring games might fade. These are two teams that like to run and score in bunches. The key matchup may be the guards, where Allen and Cassell square off against Iverson, McKie and Eric Snow. The Bucks would be very happy to see Iverson score 25 to 30 points a game and not light them up for 50 points, as he did to the Raptors twice.

Other positions appear to be laden with mismatches. Don't look for Mutumbo to be intimidated by Johnson, and Robinson should have his way against Tyrone Hill. The team that exploits its advantages the best should have an excellent shot at winning, but I have a feeling that Iverson might just have a few more tricks up his sleeve.

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leaving for Kansas City, said he was frustrated to watch from the sidelines. He has high hopes for next season, which will only lose three seniors to graduation.

"We're losing some key players, but hopefully we'll pick up some at the same time," Sanders said.

The junior varsity team saw a great deal of success, with two losses to UC Davis being the only blemish on a near-perfect season. One of those losses came during the regular season,

and the other came in the national championship game, giving the team a second-place finish in the tournament.

Electrical engineering junior Mike Hiramaki was one of two players from the junior varsity team who was named to the national all-tournament team. Electrical engineering senior Karl Buckman was the second.

Hiramaki said that the nod on the all-tournament team was great, but he didn't come to the tournament for that.

"It was a nice thing, but I would rather have a first place," he said. "If I could, I'd trade them."

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Bromley. "He can flat out shoot the ball but he can also get to the basket and do a lot of other things. He is only the third player to play at Cal Poly who was a state player of the year."

Bromley was also looking to pick up a point guard who could step in and contribute immediately. He filled the spot with 6-foot1 guard Jason Allen from Eastern Oklahoma Junior College. Allen averaged 22.7 points and 6.9 assists for Piedmont High School on his way to a first-team all state selection in Oklahoma. At Eastern Oklahoma Junior College Collin's point production dropped off but his 7.5 assists per game was the highest in his region.

Collin's junior college coach Jummy Voight said he asked Allen to take a different approach to the game than he had in high school.

"He's a winner," said Voight in a press release. "He took on a different role for us than in high school. I had

him running the offense instead of looking to score as much. He has the ability to do a lot of things on the court."

The only player out of the three announced coming straight out of high school is 6-foot-4 Vladimir Lisinac from NBA superstar Tracy McGrady's former high school Mt. Zion Academy in North Carolina. Lisinac averaged 14.4 points and eight rebounds in his senior year at Mt. Zion, helping his team to a 36-5 record and a top 10 national ranking.

Bromley said his young age will be aided by a rigorous work ethic and an intense summer training program.

"(Lisinac) is spending the summer at home in Yugoslavia and will be training with two coaches for eight hours everyday," he said. "He was recruited by teams such as California, USC, and Georgia Tech and can flat out score. We're very happy to get him."

The recruits announced Friday will join 6-foot-10 Phillip Johnson who signed earlier this year out of Arroyo Grande High School.

"I think it's important to make the

new guys really feel like part of the team quickly," said forward David Henry, who will return for his senior season next year. "These players are replacing guys that are graduating and they need to perform. I'm excited to be a senior and have the challenge of helping to bring us all together as a team."

Under the NCAA's new five-eight rule, Cal Poly has room to add one more scholarship player. The rule states that as of Aug. 1, 2000 teams can offer only five scholarships for each academic year and eight over a two-year period.

Bromley said the Mustangs will likely use their final scholarship to add another player who can play guard and add additional depth to a rapidly improving backcourt.

Bromley and Athletic Director John McCutcheon also announced the 2001-02 schedule Friday. The schedule includes fifteen home games and will feature teams such as Pacific-10 conference member Oregon State and Southeastern Conference member Vanderbilt.

Fullerton nabs top NCAA baseball seed

(AP) - Cal State Fullerton was selected as the top seed Monday for the 64-team Division I college baseball tournament field.

The Titans, playing host to one of 16 four-team regionals, will play Temple on Friday in the first round of the double-elimination tournament that leads to the College World Series in Omaha, Neb. Texas Tech and Arizona State also will play in the regional at Cal State-Fullerton, where the Titans (41-15) were 22-9 this season.

The last time Cal State-Fullerton was the top seed at the College World Series, the Titans beat Southern California 11-5 for the national championship.

The other seeded teams are Miami (44-12), Southern California (39-17), Stanford (42-14), Tulane (50-10), Georgia (41-18), East Carolina (44-11) and Nebraska (45-14).

In addition to Cal State-Fullerton, regional hosts include Clemson, East Carolina, Florida

State, Georgia, Louisiana State, Miami, Nebraska, Notre Dame, Ohio State, Rice, South Carolina, Southern California, Stanford, Tennessee and Tulane.

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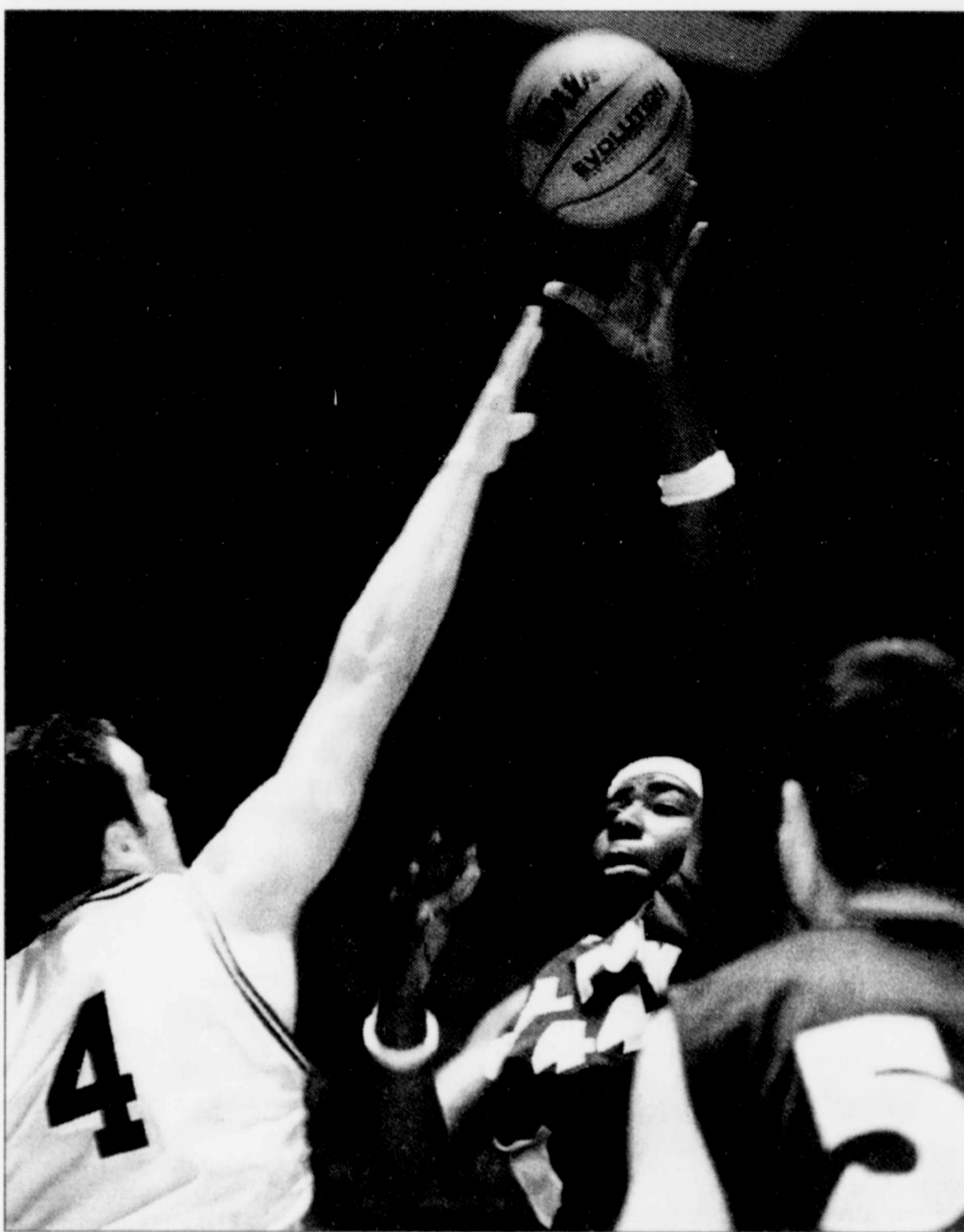
The void left by the departure of guard Jamaal Scott was a problem as the Cal Poly men's basketball team started preparing for next season. The Mustangs took several steps toward filling that void last Friday when they announced three members of this year's recruiting class.

The lack of depth at the shooting guard position created by Scott's decision to transfer was addressed with the addition of 6-foot-4 guard Eric Johnson from Utah Valley State College. Johnson averaged 19 points-per-game as a senior at Provo High School and was named Most Valuable Player in Utah. He comes to Cal Poly as a junior with three years of eligibility remaining having played one year for UVSC before going on a two-year mission to Palermo, Italy.

"We really needed to add a strong player on the wing after Jamaal left," said Cal Poly head coach Kevin

2001-2002 Schedule

Nov. 11 Blue Angels (exhib.)
Nov. 16 at Northern Arizona
Nov. 19 St. Mary's
Nov. 27 Portland State
Nov. 29 at Vanderbilt
Dec. 1 at Lipscomb
Dec. 10 at Eastern Washington
Dec. 15 Oregon State
Dec. 20 at Cal State Fullerton
Dec. 22 at UC Riverside
Dec. 30 Cal State Stanislaus
Jan. 3 Utah State
Jan. 5 Idaho
Jan. 10 at Pacific
Jan. 12 at Cal State Northridge
Jan. 16 Sacramento State
Jan. 19 UC Santa Barbara
Jan. 24 Long Beach State
Jan. 26 UC Irvine
Jan. 31 at Idaho
Feb. 2 at Utah State
Feb. 7 Cal State Northridge
Feb. 9 Pacific
Feb. 16 at UC Santa Barbara
Feb. 21 at UC Irvine
Feb. 23 at Long Beach State
Feb. 28 UC Riverside
March 2 Cal State Fullerton



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Freshman Varnie Dennis, middle, at the Big West Tournament, will have the help of many new recruits next season to help improve the team.

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NBA playoffs provide great basketball

The NBA's new slogan, "It's All Good," is as cliché as broadcaster Marv Albert's "Yes!" call, but as long as the league keeps pumping out games like Sunday's series clinchers for the 76ers and Bucks, I really don't care.

In the Eastern Conference on Sunday, Allen Iverson proved once again why he was named MVP this year as the Philadelphia 76ers eliminated the Toronto Raptors 88-87. Meanwhile, Glenn "Big Dog" Robinson of the Milwaukee Bucks certainly lived up to his nickname by scoring 29 points in a 104-95 win against the Charlotte Hornets.

The series between the 76ers and Raptors was billed as a showcase of two of the NBA's young stars, the 76ers' Iverson and the Raptors' Vince Carter. It lived up to the hype, but Game 7 was a great example that basketball is, after all, a team game.

In addition to **Matt Szabo**

Iverson's 21 points, he handed out 16 assists, which was a personal best, and showed his unselfishness, desire to win and overall composure. Teammate Aaron McKie poured in 22 points, including several key shots late in the game.

Carter took the game's last shot but bricked, missing a golden opportunity to knock out the No. 1 seed in the Eastern Conference. He also scored only four points in the fourth quarter, perhaps feeling fatigued after making a much-scrutinized decision to graduate from the University of North Carolina earlier in the day.

But the 76ers were the better team, and the Raptors should be proud of what they almost did. Few would have thought that Jumaine Jones, who scored fewer than five points a game during the regular season, would come up big with 16 points for Philadelphia. You can't coach for that.

The 76ers benefit from playing in the weaker Eastern Conference. Still, Iverson and center Dikembe Mutombo make a formidable inside-out combination, and I like their chances against the Milwaukee Bucks in the next round, especially since the Bucks' center is Ervin Johnson. Unfortunately, he has no Magic about him.

The Bucks' Game 7 triumph on

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Men's volleyball disappointed with tourney finish

By Aaron Lambert

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After spending a season competing against some of the top competition in the nation, the Cal Poly men's volleyball team finished its season with an 18th-place finish at the national tournament.

The Mustangs experienced a lackluster first day of the tournament that saw the team lose all of the three games it played. It then pulled together and was able to string together a series of wins on the second and third days to make it to the silver bracket championship game. In that game, the team lost to Purdue University, taking second in the

bracket and finishing 18th overall.

"We were pretty disappointed," said outside hitter Joe Dietz. "But still, when you're in the top 25 in the nation, you can't be too disappointed in yourself."

The gold bracket determined the first 16 places in the tournament, while the silver placed the following 16 teams.

Entering the tournament after playing against teams in the Northern California Collegiate

Volleyball League, the team expected a higher initial ranking, Dietz said.

The seeding is determined solely by record. The league includes nationally-ranked teams such as Fresno State, Sacramento State, UC Davis and UC Berkeley. All of those teams placed in the top 10 at the national tournament.

"We're constantly playing at the national level, every weekend when we play Fresno and Davis," Dietz said.

The beginning of the season brought wins against schools such as USC, UC Santa Cruz and nationally-ranked Sacramento State. The middle of the season saw a slip in the team's intensity and, therefore, a slip

in its performance.

"In the beginning of the season, we were playing really tough," Dietz said. "Then later on, I don't know if it was the length of the season, but we slipped a little in the intensity."

It wasn't until the end of the season that the team once again pulled together, said middle blocker Pat Sanders.

The team placed fifth in the Far West Regional, which included teams from California, Nevada and Utah. It also placed fifth in the NCCVL.

Sanders, who was unable to compete at the national tournament because he injured his ankle before

► The team lost to Purdue to fall to 18th place.

► The junior varsity team finished second in the nation.

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<p>Yesterday's Answer:</p> <p><i>The Boston Red Sox played their home games at Huntington Avenue Grounds from 1901 to 1911.</i></p> <p><i>Congratulations Paul T. Adalian Jr.!</i></p> <p>Today's Question:</p> <p><i>Which baseball player has played the most games without playing in a post season game?</i></p> <p>Please submit sports trivia answer to: mrsterli@calpoly.edu. Please include your name. The first correct answer received via e-mail will be printed in the next issue of the paper.</p>	<p>Iverson too sore to walk after victory</p> <p>PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Allen Iverson walked around Monday with the gait of a 70-year-old man.</p> <p>Both hands pressed against his lower back, slightly bent over as he shuffled past a team official, he said: "What are we calling this injury?"</p> <p>Officially, it's a right hip and buttocks contusion, although Iverson used language that was a little more raw.</p> <p>"I'm just sore," Iverson said. "I haven't even tried to run yet."</p> <p>Iverson and the rest of the bruised and battered Philadelphia 76ers will have very little time to recover from their injuries as their Eastern Conference final against the Milwaukee Bucks begins Tuesday night.</p> <p>Perhaps the only redeeming aspect for the Sixers is that the Bucks, too, are coming off an emotionally draining seven-game series in the second round. Both teams barely will have enough time to catch their breath.</p> <p>"Sitting in a car by myself last night, I was just trying to breath," Iverson said. "Everything that went on this year has been a hard ride, a bumpy ride."</p>	<p>Raiders lose lawsuit against NFL</p> <p>LOS ANGELES AP) — The National Football League scored a victory over the Oakland Raiders in the courtroom on Monday.</p> <p>The Raiders lost their \$1 billion case against the NFL after claiming the league undercut a deal for a new stadium that forced the team to leave Los Angeles.</p> <p>After three weeks of deliberations, the 12-member jury voted 9-3 in favor of the NFL, rejecting allegations of breach of contract, unjust enrichment and other violations of the league's constitution and bylaws.</p> <p>It also rejected claims that the NFL acted with "oppression, malice or fraud" in its dealings with the team that left Los Angeles in 1995 after negotiations fell through for a new stadium at Hollywood Park.</p> <p>Neither NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue nor Raiders owner Al Davis was in the courtroom for the verdict. Davis, who spent five days on the witness stand, had occupied a front seat in the courtroom throughout the trial that began on March 13.</p> <p>"The jury upheld the NFL's position on all issues in the case," NFL spokesman Joe Browne said.</p>